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Egypt backs PLO for Geneva

CAIRO, Jan. 15 - (R). - Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy said here Thursday Egypt was determined the PLO should participate in the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference and take part in all efforts and discussions for a final settlement of the Middle East crisis. He added, Egypt would resist any attempts to obstruct or delay PLO's participation in the Geneva meeting.

S. Arabia denounces Phalangist blockade

BEIRUT, Jan. 15 - (AFP). - The Saudi Arabian Government considers the Phalangist blockade of Palestinian Refugee Camps near Beirut to be a "rejection of human values," Saudi Information Minister Muhammad Abdo Yamani was quoted here as saying.

According to the Beirut Press, Mr. Yamani said after a cabinet meeting in Riyadh chaired by King Khaled Wednesday that the government deplored the "irresponsibility of such machinations."

Riad wants Arab action to prevent Lebanese disaster

BEIRUT, Jan. 15 - (R). - Arab League Secretary-General Mahoud Riad Thursday called for Arab action on the highest level to prevent Lebanon from drifting towards a disaster.

In a statement issued here Riad said the situation in Lebanon was gravely deteriorating, particularly after reports that a Palestinian camp there had been attacked and that other camps were being besieged.

His remarks were interpreted as a desire to see a summit meeting tackle the Lebanese crisis.

Mr. Riad said Arab public opinion refused to accept a situation where the Palestinian people would face another tragedy.

Israel boycotts Geneva if PLO attends

TEL AVIV, Jan. 15 - (R). - Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Haim Chinitz, who is now in Cairo, will boycott any session of the Geneva Conference on the Middle East if the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) attends, official sources said here Thursday.

However, the sources added that they saw little possibility of a new round of talks actually opening at Geneva.

The sources were commenting on proposals in the United Nations Security Council to arrange new Geneva Talks with PLO participation.

They said that it could be safely assumed that if the PLO was invited, Israel would not attend.

But they also said they expected the United States to veto any resolution in the Security Council to reconvene the Geneva talks with PLO participation.

The Soviet Union Wednesday reiterated its support for the speedy resumption of the Geneva Conference with the full and equal participation of the PLO.

The last Geneva session was December 1973, with Israel, Egypt and Jordan taking part. The Soviet Union and United States are Co-Chairman.

Syria, though invited, did not take part.

The sources said the Soviet Union



ROYAL EFFORT. — King Hussein and Queen Alia are shown during a seed planting ceremony in Sweheh Thursday as part of Arbour Day, celebrated throughout the country. (See story page two). (Photo by JNA).

Fighting blazes in Lebanon in wide leftist offensive

BEIRUT, Jan. 15, (R). — Fighting blazed up with new violence as darkness fell in Beirut Thursday night, the left wing claiming that its militia had stormed two buildings just 200 yards (metres) from the main right-wing Falangist headquarters.

A Falangist spokesman, however, denied a Palestinian commando spokesman's claim that the Byblos and Rivoli Buildings had fallen to the left wing.

More heavy fighting was centred on two bridges across the Beirut river.

Left-wingers and guerrillas have been sweeping the bridges with gunfire since Thursday morning and the only vehicles to cross since midday were a small convoy of security forces escorted by a

handful of petrol tankers and supply trucks.

Local residents said armoured cars in the area were still under fire from Moslem positions, and that they were hitting back. They added that Falangist units were massing east of the Beirut river to attack the left-wingers blocking the bridges.

The commando spokesman also said that left-wing forces in the district of Shiyah had launched an offensive at nightfall in another attempt to break through to the beleaguered Palestinian camp of Tel Al-Zaater. The attack was making progress, he said.

The spokesman added that the surrender of the Christian garrison of the coastal town of Damour, south of Beirut, was expected at any moment.

The coastal village of Damour, 15 km (nine miles) south of Beirut, saw pitched battles between surrounding leftist forces and National Liberal Party militia in the village, home of party leader Interior Minister Camille Chamoun.

Heavy artillery fire was heard south of Damour, between Jieh and Barja, near Said.

The leftist siege of Damour was generally considered as their response to the occupation Wednesday by right-wing units of the small but important Dbyay Palestinian refugee Camp north of the capital.

In Beirut, the heaviest fighting was centered in the northwestern sector where the School of Fine Arts and the luxury waterfront hotels are located. Leftist elements have been trying since Wednesday to cut Phalangist lines to get through to the sea in that district.

The Phalangists control a narrow strip of territory along the waterfront toward the Holiday Inn Hotel.

With most of the city exposed to the dangers of bullets and shells, all roads are dangerous and few drivers venture out.

Fighting also continued in the Tripoli area, northern Lebanon, and in central La Bekaa.

After a meeting of leaders of the minority Greek Catholic community with President Suleiman Franjeh Thursday the delegation issued a statement which placed the main blame for the present crisis in Lebanon on interference in Lebanese affairs by the Palestinian commandos.

The meeting was part of the soundings of Christian opinion

—Security Council Debate continues—

Pakistan urges Israel to declare readiness for complete withdrawal from Arab lands

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 15, (R). — Pakistan Thursday urged Israel to come to terms with "the reality of Palestine."

The Pakistan Ambassador told the Security Council, that reaching a peaceful settlement was not Israel's aim, its leaders should stop making declarations that gave the contrary impression.

"If it will have security, let Israel declare its readiness to withdraw from the territories occupied since June 1967," Mr. Iqbal Akhund added.

Pakistan is one of the five members of the Council—they joined on January 1, each for a two year term.

Noting the ties his country has with the Arabs, Mr. Akhund said that, if there were no such bonds, Pakistan would still support their cause because it was a just one, based on principles of self-determination and respect for U.N. principles.

"We say to Israel, not in hostility but in common sense, to see in which direction lie the true interests of all the peoples of this ancient and once peaceful region where, in the words of the absent Israeli representative, Jew and Arab lived together for 2,000 years and where, even in 1919, Jews were welcomed in friendship by Arab leaders."

"Let the leaders of Israel consider how they have repaid this welcome and how they might win back that earlier amity and acceptance," he said.

The existence of Israel could not be built on the extinction of Palestine, he said. The Council could no longer turn away from the reality of Palestine.

On the other hand Israel's representative to the United Nations, Mr. Chaim Herzog, who is boycotting the current debate on the Arab-Israeli dispute, said Thursday the Security Council was "fiddling while a State in the Middle East—Lebanon—burns."

He told a press conference

N. Yemen desires unity with Riyadh

CAIRO, Jan. 15 - (R). - North Yemen's cherished hope and ultimate aim is to unite with Saudi Arabia, North Yemen Chargé d'Affaires here Mr. Hassan Al-Sahuli said Thursday.

Mr. Sahuli was commenting on a statement by North Yemen Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Colonel Ahmed Al-Ghashmi, that his country would "very shortly" unite with neighbouring Saudi Arabia.

He told Reuters after contacting Sanaa, the Yemeni capital: "Union is a hope cherished by the Yemeni people and is the ultimate aim which the Yemenis seek to realise."

In his statement to a Kuwaiti newspaper which was published on Monday Colonel Ghashmi said coordination between North Yemen and Saudi Arabia had already started in the fields of information, education and labour and social affairs.

whereby Britain withdrew its warships from Icelandic fishing waters in return for a promise that Icelandic inspection craft would not hinder British trawlers fishing inside Iceland's 200-sea-mile limit.

In a related development, Icelandic personnel who provide information to NATO air-planes have decided to stop work in a move to cripple the U.S. air base of Keflavik in north-west Iceland, Danish radio reported Thursday.

Iceland reverses decision to break off relations with UK

REYKJAVIK, Jan. 15 - (AFP). — Iceland has decided not to break off diplomatic relations with Britain over the "cod war" immediately but will await the outcome of further talks, Premier Geir Halgrimsson announced here Thursday.

He was speaking after talks with the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), Joseph Luns, who was due to fly to London Friday for talks with the British government.

Mr. Halgrimsson said he assured Mr. Luns that Iceland would not break off relations with Britain yet.

Mr. Luns will not start his London talks until Monday, since British Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Foreign Secretary James Callaghan are spending the weekend in Denmark for a conference of Western European Socialist parties.

At a press conference Thursday night, Mr. Luns spoke of the possibility of an agreement

Kissinger submits ideas to prod SALT agreement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AFP). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has just submitted a new proposal to the Soviet Union in an effort to get the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) underway again, authoritative sources said here Thursday.

Mr. Kissinger, the sources said, transmitted his proposals Wednesday night to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin.

Wednesday morning, Mr. Kissinger announced he would travel to Moscow next Tuesday for further talks on the SALT issue with Soviet leaders.

Mr. Kissinger will meet the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) Council in Brussels on Jan. 23, immediately after his visit to the Soviet Union, it was announced in London Thursday.

The British Foreign Office said Mr. Kissinger would brief the Council, the Organisation's principal body, on the progress of the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks with Soviet leaders.

In Moscow, meanwhile, the Soviet weekly magazine Ogoniok charged that the Ford administration has its mind so much on the coming U.S. presidential election that it has allowed itself to be influenced by military and industrial lobbies opposed to a second SALT agreement.

Sara Jane Moore gets life in prison sentence

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15 (R). — Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life imprisonment Thursday for attempting to assassinate President Ford.

Before she was sentenced she declared to the court that assassination could be justified to force political reform.

Socialists upset Moro's try to form new Italian cabinet

ROME, Jan. 15 - (AFP). — Outgoing Christian Democrat Premier Aldo Moro's chances of ending Italy's government crisis by forming a new cabinet dimmed Thursday following a tough stand by Socialists whose withdrawal from the government majority brought him down last week.

Mr. Moro has been seeing political party leaders since Wednesday, but the first round of talks left politicians here pessimistic that he would be able to overcome what now appear to be insurmountable obstacles.

The Socialists turned thumbs down on the governmental programme for industrial reform and development in southern Italy claiming it could cost workers their jobs and would hold back economic recovery rather than promote it.

Instead, the Socialists were insisting on adoption of their programme of investment for small and medium-sized firms threatened with closure by the economic crisis here.

In addition, the Socialists have called for a new government able to count on the greatest possible support in parliament. They want "at least the support of the Communist Party for the government's programme."

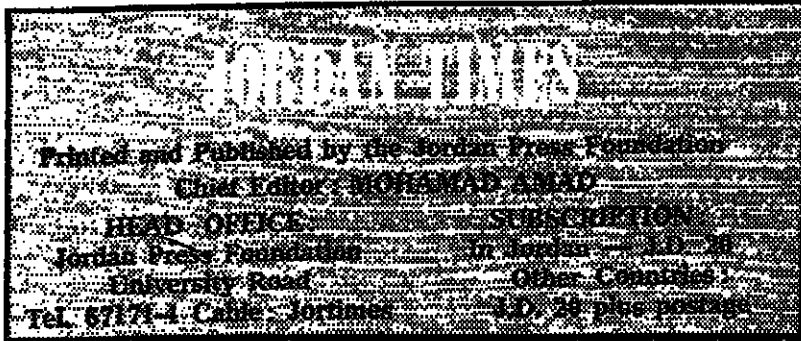
Some politicians indicated the Socialists might accept to negotiate with another Christian Democrat leader but not with Mr. Moro, although this was not yet clear here.



A NATION IN MOURNING. — The casket bearing the remains of Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak is carried from the plane at Kuala Lumpur airport Thursday upon its arrival from London (see story page six). (AP wirephoto).



PRIZE PRISONER. — Patricia Hearst, handcuffed, is moved out of her Los Angeles prison to go to a special court hearing Thursday in preparation for her upcoming trial. (AP wirephoto).



We told you so ?

Two weeks ago in this space, we suggested that interested readers keep a keen eye on Israeli tactics during the Security Council debate on the Middle East, now in full swing in New York. Sure enough, the Israelis have not disappointed anybody, and their conduct during the debate is a timely textbook lesson in the strategy of evasion.

They have refused to join the debate, as they will refuse to join any council whose primary function is to place the Israeli experience in Palestine under the microscope of open international scrutiny. But they have gone beyond this. From their vantage point outside the debate, they try to introduce elements of obstruction whose primary aim is to divert the debate away from the central question of the Palestinian land and the denied rights of the Palestinian people.

These attempts are at once slick and simple. The Israeli U.N. delegate Chaim Herzog sends a letter to the president of the Security Council talking about how the principles of the PLO are contrary to the aims of the U.N. charter.

In Israel, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon tells the Knesset that Israel would like to reconvene the Geneva Conference with its original participants, which excludes the PLO.

In a television interview and a magazine article, former Prime Minister Golda Meir claims that a Palestinian state in the West Bank would serve as a Soviet tool to increase tensions in the Middle East.

In a talk to international Jewish leaders in Israel, Defence Minister Shimon Peres says the United States is fully with Israel in opposing the creation of a Palestinian state. And so on and so forth.

Nowhere do any Israeli leaders try to come to grips with the essential point of the U.N. debate — which is simply to talk about the state of Israel and discuss whether or not that state can reasonably exist at the expense of the Palestinian state that has never been given a chance to exist.

The Israeli tactic now is to focus on Geneva, and push for a reconvening of the Geneva peace conference. They are not, of course, anywhere near ready to go to Geneva and talk about peace. But it is useful for them in their hazy confusion to talk about distant Swiss cities as if these were the watering holes where peace-seeking animals go to drink. They are not. Geneva is a mirage where peace-seeking animals will not drink, but will crash onto barren rock, and rise again, in the Israeli scheme of things, to stumble forward in search of yet more distant mirages.

When Israeli leaders stop chasing mirages of phantasy and decide to assess their own viability and legitimacy, they will find a whole world out there ready to talk with them. For the moment, they are talking to themselves.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

"The Threat and its Meaning" was the heading of Al Rai's chief editor's editorial on Thursday.

"What is the meaning of the daily threats that we hear from Israel?" Mr. Arar questioned.

The nature of the threat by the Israeli Foreign Minister and other Israeli officials is in its stating that Israel will not attend the Geneva conference if resolutions 242 and 338 are amended or if the Palestinian Organisation is present at the conference," he said.

What reason is there for Israel to ever attend the conference if it continues with threats of its not attending?" Mr. Arar asked.

"In fact," Mr. Arar continued, "the conference was called by the Soviet Union and the United States collectively as one of the pre-conditions and commitments that had been given in the efforts to bring an end to the Ramadan War."

The American commitment to the Arabs and the whole world was intended to relieve the world from the pressure of the oil embargo. Consequently, Israel had no choice but to abide by the American decision which was designed to save Israel from continued war which would have jeopardised American economic interest in the

area, Mr. Arar said.

Since Israel cannot live during peace or war without continued American aid and because the United States did not want to be responsible for a devastating aftermath of the Ramadan War, Washington forced Tel-Aviv to accept resolution 338 which calls mainly for a reconvening of the Geneva Conference, he said.

Mr. Arar said that the current Israeli stand could be summarised in the two following points:

(1) Either Washington co-operated with Israel in the current manoeuvre for achieving additional gains or,

(2) "Washington put aside the importance of Geneva for reasons among which may be its desire to deal with the problem without the influence of Soviets in addition to being able to cope with Zionist pressures within the United States," Mr. Arar said.

The situation is not new and everyone knows that without the U.S., Israel could not survive. If the United States wish Israel to withdraw from all occupied Arab territories, it could force it to do so without Geneva, without disturbing Kissinger or sacrificing the blood of many Palestinians," Mr. Arar concluded.

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Jordan celebrates Arbour Day

AMMAN, (JNA). — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Alia Thursday took part in the celebration of Arbor Day which took place in the town of Suweileh.

Accompanying Their Majesties were Prime Minister Mr. Zaid Rifai, Chief of the Royal Hashemite Court Mr. Mudhar Badran, Chief Chamberlain

in Jordan containing 23 million forest trees. "In addition," said Mr. Humud, "the Ministry of Agriculture, during the present season, is going to distribute to farmers and individual citizens some two million forest saplings and one million fruit trees saplings."

The King and Queen then opened the Arbor Day celebra-

tions by planting several trees. At the same time, the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities Thursday planted some 2,300 forest young trees at the Ma'in Hot Springs Area, Madaba district. The ceremony was attended by the Minister of Tourism Mr. Ghaleb Barakat.

Under the patronage of Crown Prince Hassan, an Arbor Day celebration took place at Suwwan Plain, Ma'an Governorate.

In a short speech the Crown Prince commended on the team-work spirit among the Jordanian people by which "we will be able to reconstruct this area of the Kingdom."

"We have achieved much in the field of construction and development throughout Jordan, thanks to King Hussein's pioneering leadership and benefits of stability which Jordan is enjoying," His Highness added.

At the end of the ceremony Prince Hassan, accompanied by the Governors of Ma'an and Aqaba and a large gathering of Government officials and people planted trees on this occasion.

Canadian Foreign Minister arrives

AMMAN, (JNA). — Canadian Foreign Minister Mr. Alan MacEachen arrived in Amman Thursday on a three-day visit to Jordan during which he will meet with His Majesty King Hussein and His Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

In a statement at the Amman Airport he said the Canadian people harbour feelings of friendship and admiration towards King Hussein and the people of Jordan.

Mr. MacEachen recalled the visit of King Hussein to Canada in 1974, where the Canadians were very impressed by the Monarch's wisdom and leadership.

He said he is looking forward to talks with the king to get a clear picture about Middle East issues.

"I will also hold discussions with Jordanian leaders on reinforcing Canadian-Jordanian relations" he said.

Jordan to attend tourist seminar

ROYAL PARTY. — Queen Alia with her daughter attending a party held after celebrating Arbor Day.

Prince Raad Ibn Zaid, the Chief of Staff, the Director-General of Intelligence, senior officials and representatives of popular and professional bodies.

In a speech, welcoming the King and Queen, the Minister of Agriculture Mr. Marwan el-Humud asserted the importance of the tree and referred to a new 25,000 dunums area of land which has been allocated for tree plantation thanks to the King's efforts and interest in tree planting.

He said three million saplings will be planted during this in the locality. Arbor Day was also observed in Irbid, Zerqa, Salt and other parts of the Kingdom.

Where several thousand trees were planted in various places, year, which will bring the total to 140,000 dunums planted

Exports to Bulgaria, Romania exceed J.D. 1 m.

AMMAN, (JNA). — The value of Jordan's exports to Romania and Bulgaria during September 1975 have exceeded J.D. one million.

Imports, however, were not worth more than J.D. 25,000 during the two periods.

Figures released by the Department of Statistics have shown that the value of Jordan's exports to Romania during September 1975 amounted to J.D. 689,000 and to Bulgaria J.D. 539,000 against nil during the same month in 1974.

Imports from Romania during September 1975 amounted to J.D. 98,000 against J.D. 64,000, and from Bulgaria J.D. 152,000 against J.D. 28,000 during the same two periods.

Main exports to both countries were phosphate and main imports were timber, car tires, fresh meat and eggs.

TODAY'S WEATHER REPORT

Fair weather is expected Friday with some clouds and a slight increase in temperature.

Expected temperatures for today are (in degrees centigrade):

Amman and hilly areas 16

Jordan Valley ... 20

Gulf of Aqaba ... 21



OPENING CEREMONY. — King Hussein with Queen Alia to his right, Premier Rifai to his left, during the opening ceremony celebrating Arbor Day.

Upper House Speaker heads for Cairo meeting

AMMAN, (JNA). — The Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Mr. Bahjat Talhouni will choose a date for the conference with his counterparts, he said. Mr. Talhouni added that the conference will choose a date for the conference with his counterparts, he said.



PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION. — Speaker of the Upper House, Bahjat Talhouni, speaking to a reporter before leaving Amman for Cairo with Senator Abdul Muneim Al-Rifai, glasses.

mentary delegation to the Arab Parliamentary Federation conference which will start in the Egyptian capital on Saturday.

Mr. Talhouni said at Amman Airport before departing that the conference will be attended by eight Arab countries and will discuss different subjects among which is the Arab-European dialogue.

Due to the current Arab and International situation the Jordanian parliament proposed the postponement of the dialogue

The group also conferred to another time instead of the original date of February 2nd and was supported in this respect by the Syrian and Pales-

West Bank civil servants end visit

AMMAN - (JNA). — A delegation of West Bank's civil servants have ended their visit to Amman during which they discussed with a number of officials means of reinforcing steadfastness of the West Bankers in the light of the economic conditions which the inhabitants of the occupied territories are living. The group also conferred to another time instead of the original date of February 2nd and was supported in this respect by the Syrian and Pales-

NATIONAL BRIEFS

● AMMAN. — Upon invitation by H.H. Prince Hassan, Mr. H. K. Yang, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China, will be arriving in Amman on January 15th for a four day official visit to Jordan.

During his visit, Mr. Yang, will meet with Jordanian officials to discuss means of further co-operation between the Republic of China and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

● TAIPEI. — A group of businessmen in Taiwan (Nationalist China) is seeking to promote Taiwan's trade with the Middle East countries, especially the oil producers, a spokesman of the Taiwan Ministry of Economic Affairs said Thursday. At the same time, Taiwan's shipping companies, sources, said, will open regular sea routes shortly to link Taiwan with the Middle East and Africa by using 53 ten thousand ton freighters.

● AMMAN. — Count Bernadotte, uncle of the King of Sweden and head of the International Relations Centre in Stockholm and the accompanying delegation left Amman Thursday after a five-day visit to Jordan. During his stay the Count met with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and visited a number of scientific institutions as well as historic and touristic sites.

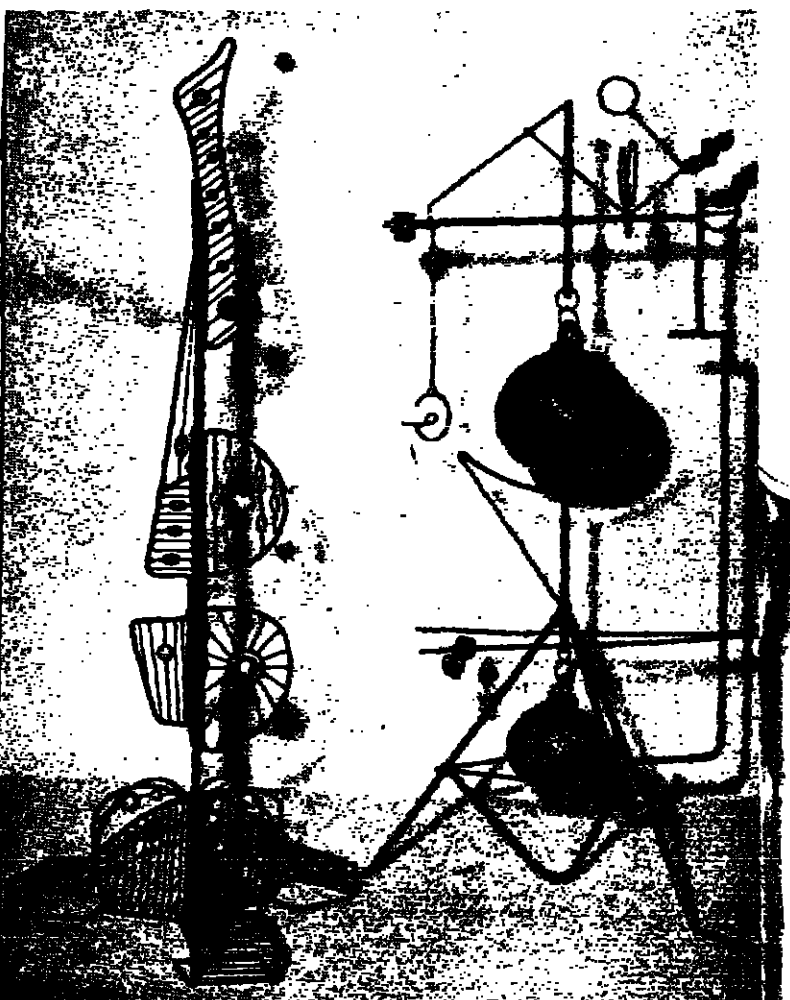
● AMMAN. — The Jordanian government agreed that the international Agricultural and Food Organisation (F.A.O.) should carry out studies in evaluating the agriculture sector in Jordan. The agreement was announced in the National Planning Council Presidential Memorandum to the UNDP representative in Jordan.

● HALHOUL (occupied West Bank). — According to the occupied West Bank dailies, the Israeli occupation authorities have banned 500 citizens from crossing into the East Bank of Jordan by detaining them for several hours. The papers added that the ban was a result of the explosion which took place in the Eshkol settlement on the road between Jerusalem and Ramallah last Friday.

● AMMAN. — Crown Prince Hassan Thursday morning headed a meeting at the Central Bank of Jordan, which was attended by a number of ministers, the Governor of the Central Bank and senior bank officials. Discussion dealt with implementation of the Five-Year Development Plan with financial and administrative arrangements involved.

● Mr. John W. Tanner, Director of UNRWA Affairs, Jordan returned to Amman after a vacation leave of four weeks which he spent in Europe. Mr. Tanner resumed duty as usual.

Decor & Design Exhibition of artist M.N. Khader



Owing to the great success of the decor and design exhibition of the artist MOHAMMED NABIL KHADER which is a currently taking place at GOETHE INSTITUTE ON JEBEL AMMAN it has been decided to extend the exhibition until Sunday, 18/1/76. The exhibition is open to the public from 10 am. - 1 pm. - 4 pm. - 8 pm.

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Clerides firm on resignation; Turkey wants him or Makarios for talks

NICOSIA, Jan. 15, (R). — Attempts by political colleagues to have Glafkos Clerides withdraw his resignation as Greek-Cypriot negotiator in the Cyprus peace talks have failed, informed sources said here Thursday.

The sources said the President, Archbishop Makarios, had a three-hour meeting with Mr. Clerides but there was no progress towards resolving the situation. Finance Minister Andreas Patsalides and Foreign Minister John Christophides were also present.

Observers said there had long been differences between the moderate Mr. Clerides and other leading political figures here. Some Greek-Cypriot newspapers speculated that the resignation was in response to a proposal to appoint experts to advise him in future talks.

On the other hand informed sources said Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denkash will personally boycott new negotiations with the Greek-Cypriots unless they are still represented in the talks by Glafkos Clerides, or Archbishop Makarios.

Mr. Denkash will only negotiate directly with Mr. Clerides.

Jamaica agreement could be another Bretton Woods

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 - (AFP).

The recent International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreement in Jamaica could indeed prove to be another "Bretton Woods" pact because it was preceded by a new spirit of cooperation, the Wall Street Journal said in an editorial Wednesday.

The newspaper said: "A return to par values would naturally follow if the central banks succeed in coordinating their monetary policies around moderate growth in the world money supply. This would also spell an end to world inflation, a fall in long-term interest rates and economic revival throughout the western world."

But the newspaper added: "If the fledgling international monetary reform is to avoid the fate of Bretton Woods, it has to incorporate the lessons of the last few years."

It implied, the Journal stressed, that the United States, West Germany and France would be satisfied with their current exchange rates on the one hand and on the other that the United States would stick to a tight-money policy, since the system depended on the firmness of the dollar.

Taking this into account, the influential economic newspaper wrote: "Our reading of Rambouillet (a previous summit meeting near Paris) and the IMF Jamaica meeting is admittedly quite different and ultimately far more optimistic than can be found elsewhere in the American press."

or President Makarios himself, the sources said.

Britain said in a special statement Thursday that it would very much regret if the resignation of Mr. Glafkos Clerides as Greek-Cypriot negotiator in the Cyprus peace talks were to take effect.

The foreign office, which usually does not comment on resignations until they have been accepted, said: "We have great respect for the way in which Mr. Clerides filled the post of acting President of Cyprus in very difficult circumstances and for the role he has played as chief Greek-Cypriot negotiator in the inter-communal talks."

It reiterated that in the British view these talks offered the best way of finding a lasting settlement of the Cyprus problem.

Canadian minister holds cooperation talks with Saudis

RIYADH, Jan. 14 - (AFP).

Canadian external affairs minister Allan MacEachen, the first Canadian foreign minister to visit Saudi Arabia since 1969, Wednesday discussed Canadian-Saudi cooperation with top Saudi officials.

Mr. MacEachen was received Wednesday morning by Crown Prince Fahd, the Deputy Premier. Later he met Planning Minister Hisham Nazir and Prince Saud Faisal, the Foreign Minister.

Mr. MacEachen and Mr. Nazir discussed Saudi Arabia's five-year development plan, which began last July.

The Canadian Foreign Minister and Prince Saud Faisal discussed Saudi-Canadian relations in general and agreed to sign a protocol on economic and technological cooperation. The document, set to be signed during Mr. MacEachen's visit, will set up a joint Saudi-Canadian commission on cooperation.

The two foreign ministers also discussed the Middle East crisis, the world economic crisis and the north-south conference in Paris.

The Saudi radio said that Mr. MacEachen had agreed that eventual "stagnation" of the process of settling the Middle East crises could mean serious danger to regional peace.

The radio also reported that both ministers expressed hope that the north-south conference would "contribute to settlement of economic problems."

Commenting on Saudi-Canadian talks, Prince Saud Faisal told the press that the contacts were "useful and fertile."

He said he hoped "contacts between Saudi Arabia and Canada would continue in the interests of the two countries."



CYPRIOT NEGOTIATORS. — Glafkos Clerides (coat and tie) shakes hands with Rauf Denkash during recent talks on the Cyprus question. (AP wirephoto).

Congress fights for control over CIA secret operations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, (R).

The Senate Intelligence Committee has drafted legislation which would allow the Senate to publish any proposed secret U.S. intelligence operations it considers improper, ill-advised or damaging to the national interest, senate sources said Thursday.

The proposal would give congress unprecedented influence over activities of the intelligence community since advance disclosure could sufficiently sway public opinion to force the administration not to go ahead with any specific operation.

It is almost certain to deepen a dispute between congress and President Ford over the degree of confidentiality necessary for U.S. intelligence to work effectively.

The dispute has been kept simmering by the spate of leaks from the extensive inquiries that the special senate and house or representatives committees have been conducting for nearly a year now into the intelligence community's activities, and widespread abuses.

Reliable sources said the White House has urged the senate committee to propose penalties and new sanctions—such as fines or expulsion from committees or congress itself—

Indonesia vote set for 1977

JAKARTA, Jan. 15, (AFP).

The first general elections to be held in Indonesia since 1971 will be held in May next year, it was officially announced here.

Three political groupings will be competing for the 920 seats in the Peoples Consultative Assembly and the 460 seats in the House of People's Representatives.

They are the governmental Golkar Party, the Democratic Party—a coalition of nationalist and Christian parties—and the Muslim United Development Party.

President Suharto who was elected president in 1969 after serving as acting president since 1967, was expected to run for office again next year.

Iran blames oil companies for drop in national income, investments

TEHERAN, Jan. 15, (AFP).

Iran Thursday blamed the drop in its oil export earnings last year on a failure by foreign buyers to meet their commitments in regard to purchases and investments.

The Iranian National Oil Company (INOC) in a report published by the press here charged that 14 foreign oil companies, most of them American, were responsible for \$2.7 billion shortfall in Iranian oil export earnings in 1975.

It said the companies had also failed to pay \$150 million which they had undertaken to invest in Iran during the second half of last year under a 1973 agreement governing oil purchases and investments.

INOC said the 14 companies took out 4.24 million barrels a day of crude oil from Iran on average last year. Under the agreement they had committed themselves to buying 4.98 million barrels a day.

Exports to the 14 companies, which included leading American groups such as Gulf, Mobil, Standard Oil of California and Texaco, as well as British Petroleum, Royal Dutch Shell and the French CFP had even dropped to a daily average of 3.7 million barrels during the last quarter of the year, INOC said.

Representatives of the 14 oil companies here said the drop in their purchases from Iran was caused by the world recession and the fact that Iranian crude is more expensive than oil from other producers in the Gulf area.

Iranian officials, on the other hand, claimed that the attitude of the companies was dictated by "deliberate decisions" rather than market forces.

They stressed that Iran's crude oil output had been down by 17 per cent last November as compared with the level recorded 12 months earlier.

The drop was twice as big as the average in member countries of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, they said.

As for the 14 companies failure to meet their investment commitments, INOC said they

had twice requested and obtained authorisation to defer payments during the second half of 1975, claiming that they did not have funds available.

INOC took issue with this claim and said it might deny the companies any new exploration concessions unless they paid up the first installment for 1976, totalling \$30 million by January 16.

Turkish transit tolls dispute to be studied

GENEVA, Jan. 14 - (R).

The International Road Transport Union (IRU) said Wednesday it would send a representative to Ankara Thursday to discuss the increased transit fees imposed by Turkey on foreign lorries crossing its territory.

The IRU, which groups 104 member organisations in 50 countries, said it wanted to obtain exact official information on the situation because of contradictory reports about the Turkish measures.

Last week Turkey raised the transit fees by about 35 per cent putting the price of driving a 30-tonne load across its territory at up to 700 sterling.

The move led to an international outcry because of fears this could paralyse the transport of goods by road between Europe and the Middle East.

The IRU last week said it

wanted Turkey to postpone raising the transit fees and to reconsider its move.

Reports from Ankara said Turkish Foreign Ministry officials were studying the reaction to the price increase. Some officials indicated that the government might revise its decision.

Greece, Bulgaria issue Cyprus call

ATHENS, Jan. 14, (R).

Greece and Bulgaria Wednesday called for a peaceful settlement to the Cyprus problem which should safeguard the island's independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty.

In a joint communique issued at the end of a two-day visit here by Bulgarian Foreign Minister Petar Mladenov, both sides declared that the situation in Cyprus constituted a danger for security in the region.

They reiterated their adherence to the U.N. resolutions on Cyprus which call for the immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from the island and the safe return of refugees to their homes.

The communique said both sides also attached great importance to the Vienna talks on the reduction of armaments and troops in Central Europe and underlined the necessity for an early meeting of the world conference on disarmament.

They agreed that peace and security in the Balkan Peninsula constituted a major contribution for European and international detente.

France denies CIA agents' exposure

PARIS, Jan. 15, (R).

The Interior Ministry said Thursday that French intelligence services played no part in exposing the identities of 44 U.S. foreign service officials said to be working for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) here.

The alleged CIA agents, all attached to the U.S. Embassy in Paris, were named over the past two days by the radical left wing newspaper Liberation.

A statement from Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski released by the ministry said the information for the disclosures "clearly came from abroad" although French security services had themselves identified and kept a watch on most foreign embassies.

"These agents are taken before the state security court if they are guilty of recognised espionage activities," the statement added.

The statement appeared prompted by suggestions here that French secret agents had deliberately tipped off Liberation about CIA operation here for some unknown security purpose.

India receives \$150 m power loan

NEW DELHI, Jan. 14, (AFP).

The International Development Association, a soft-lending "window" of the World Bank, has sanctioned a credit of \$150 million to India to finance a power transmission project in this country.

A World Bank press release announcing this here Wednesday noted that the project which received the credit would eventually help development of an integrated power generation and transmission system in India.

With the latest credit, the bank group has made 15 loans and credits totalling \$625 million for the power sector in India.

Mrs. Meir lashes out at U.N. vote

LONDON, Jan. 14, (R).

Israel's former Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, Wednesday night attacked the recent United Nations General Assembly vote equating Zionism with racism, saying it marked the beginning of the end of the world body.

In a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) television interview she denied a suggestion that it was rather the beginning of the end of support for Israel.

She said that a world organisation could not vote against every principle of justice and reason and seek to legalise the destruction of a member state by declaring it a racist state.

Speaking, she said, as a "citizen of the world," Mrs. Meir commented: "This is the beginning of the end of the United Nations, just as when one saw clearly the beginning of the end of the League of Nations."

Portugal seeks good ties with NATO socialists

BUDAPEST, Jan. 14, (AFP).

Portuguese Foreign Minister Ernesto Melo Antunes said Wednesday that Portugal would not leave NATO, but would like to maintain close contacts with socialist countries.

He spoke at a press conference following a three-day visit in Budapest during which he met several Hungarian leaders, including party leader Janos Kadar, President Losonczy and Prime Minister Gyorgy Lazar.

Major Antunes, who signed a cultural agreement with Hungary Wednesday, said that this document marked the development of many-sided contacts with Hungary. A joint committee will meet later in the year to elaborate economic links and cooperation.

Major Antunes said that Portugal intended to build its foreign policy on the principle of national independence. It wished to diversify its contacts and part of this included increased links with the socialist countries.

He said that Portugal's relations with the U.S. would not change, a point he had several times explained to U.S. leaders. He also said that Portugal did not want to upset the balance of power in Europe.

From Hungary, Major Antunes will go to Czechoslovakia and afterwards to Austria.

The agency said: "Comrade Chou En-lai's ashes are scattered in the rivers and on the land of our motherland in accordance with the wishes he expressed before his death."

The agency added that the funeral eulogy for Mr. Chou was delivered by vice premier Teng Hsiao-Ping at a ceremony attended by 5,000 delegates from different groups in the Chinese capital.

Peking radio gave indirect indication Thursday that there will be no change in China's foreign policy following the death of Prime Minister Chou En-lai.

In a report summing up the reaction of people in Peking to Mr. Chou's death, the radio quoted mourners at the working people's palace of culture as saying they would learn from the late Premier's life and work and determinedly follow the principles as well as Chairman Mao Tse-tung's Revolutionary Foreign Policies.

Sinologists in Hong Kong noted that Mr. Chou had been the Executive of these Foreign Policies and believed that the radio's reference meant continuity.

Assistant Mayor to visit W. Germany

AMMAN. — Mr. Abdullah Su-

ub, the Assistant Mayor of Amman leaves Thursday for West Germany to hold talks with German officials on West German assistance to the Municipality of Amman.

motor vehicles, heavy machinery and training courses for the municipality's technical and administrative employees.

Schmidt's party faces serious election set back

HANOVER, WEST GERMANY, Jan. 15, (AFP).

West Germany's Social Democrat Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and his Liberal coalition partners suffered a serious setback here Thursday when the opposition Christian Democrats managed to elect one of their members as minister-president of the Diet (parliament) of the state of Lower Saxony, until now a Social Democratic stronghold.

The setback comes at the beginning of a year during which West Germans will elect a new Bundestag (Federal Parliament) and it follows the resignation for personal reasons of Lower Saxony's Social Democrat Minister-President Alfred Kubel. In last June's local elections, the Christian Democrats

party with 78 seats but the Social Democrats (88 seats) managed to stay in power thanks to the 11 votes of the Liberal Free Democrats (FDP).



PRIVATE VISITOR. — Empress Farah of Iran is pictured as she visits the Hotel de Sens, in the old Parisian quarter of Le Marais, Wednesday during a private visit to France. (AP wirephoto).

Third World states draw up agenda proposals for global economic talks

PARIS, Jan. 15 - (AFP). - The third world countries are prepared to discuss security of supply of energy and raw materials to industrialised countries in the north-south dialogue on a new economic relationship between rich and poor countries.

This was stated by senior officials on Wednesday after a ten-day meeting of 19 developing countries, including seven oil producers which drew up draft terms of references for four standing commissions set up last month by the Paris Conference on International Economic Cooperation (CEIC).

The proposals are listed in a document which will be submitted to eight industrial powers taking part in the dialogue — including the United States, Japan and the European economic community — ahead of a meeting of the co-chairmen of the CEIC and the commissions to be held here on Jan. 26.

Confirming that a detailed list of subjects agreed by "the 19" would take into account the interests of the industrial countries on several points, such as security of supply, Iranian Minister of State Mohammed Yeganeh said: "We are thus showing our willingness to cooperate."

The four commissions, each consisting of senior experts of ten developing and five industrial countries will start their work on problems in the areas of energy, raw materials, development and finance next February 11.

Manuel Perez Guerrero of Venezuela, the third world's conference co-chairman, said at the close of the meeting on

Wednesday: "We have strengthened our unity and cohesion while discussing problems we had to solve among ourselves."

He said he would report on the outcome of the talks to a ministerial meeting of the so-called Group of 77 — in fact the 106 developing countries in the United Nations — which is due to start in Manila on Friday, Jan. 16.

Mr. Yeganeh told Agence France-Press that protection of the purchasing power of developing countries was among the chief concerns of the 19. The document adopted on Wednesday proposed discussion of this problem in all four commissions, he said.

SEC moves on major investigations into practices by 30 U.S. corporations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 - (R). - The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is investigating 30 major American companies in an expanded probe of illegal political payments, kickbacks and bribes, SEC chairman Roderick Hills said Wednesday.

Mr. Hills did not identify any of the companies involved, but he told a joint congressional subcommittee that the extent of corporate undercover financial dealings was much greater than had been known previously.

He gave new details of an investigation which has already resulted in legal suits against nine industrial giants, including Northrop Corporation and Gulf Oil.

Gulf, fifth largest oil company in the United States, announced in Pittsburgh Wednesday the resignation of its chairman and two other senior executives following a report on illegal political activities within the company.

The report told of undercover cash movements in the United States and abroad involving more than \$12 million in commissions.

Dutch, Belgian plan for N. Sea island

BRUSSELS, Jan. 14 - (AFP). - Dutch and Belgian firms plan to build an island in the North Sea with a port to take 500,000 ton oil tankers and various other installations.

These would include a nuclear power station, oil storage tanks and a water desalination unit.

The island, built by the Noordzeeport Consortium, would be created on a sand bank about 30 km out to sea from Zeebrugge.

It would be about 800 hectares (2,000 acres) in size and cost \$8 billion.

He confirmed that the text specifically referred to "indebtation," a notion industrial countries are reluctant to discuss.

Another major issue which the 19 want to raise in all four commissions is the balance of payments problems of the poorest developing countries, including the impact of oil prices.

Agreement on this point was among elements that helped to reinforce the common front of the 19. "We all decided that the real problems of the deficit countries should be discussed on the basis of a global approach," a delegate of a non-oil, developing country said.

pany money, much of it funnelled through a secret fund set up in the Bahamas, over 14 years.

Gulf was fined \$5,000 for illegal contributions to former President Nixon's re-election campaign and has also admitted paying \$5 million to foreign governments over the last 10 years.

Stanley Sporkin, head of the Enforcement Division of the SEC, a government agency which polices the securities industry, told the congressional subcommittee that the expanded investigations include such new elements as commercial bribery of corporate investment officers, false accounting entries to evade currency controls abroad and foreign tax evasion.

"Every day we learn of a new wrinkle," Mr. Sporkin said.

Mr. Hills said nine companies named in SEC suits over the past two years were alleged to have concealed or made illegal payments in the United States and overseas totalling more than \$18 million.

Largest of these alleged payments included:

— Secret foreign payments totalling \$2 million by United Brands;

— The channelling of \$2.8 million in illegal political contributions in the United States through foreign corporations by Phillips Petroleum;

— A secret \$10 million fund set up by Gulf Oil to handle illegal U.S. deposits and payments.

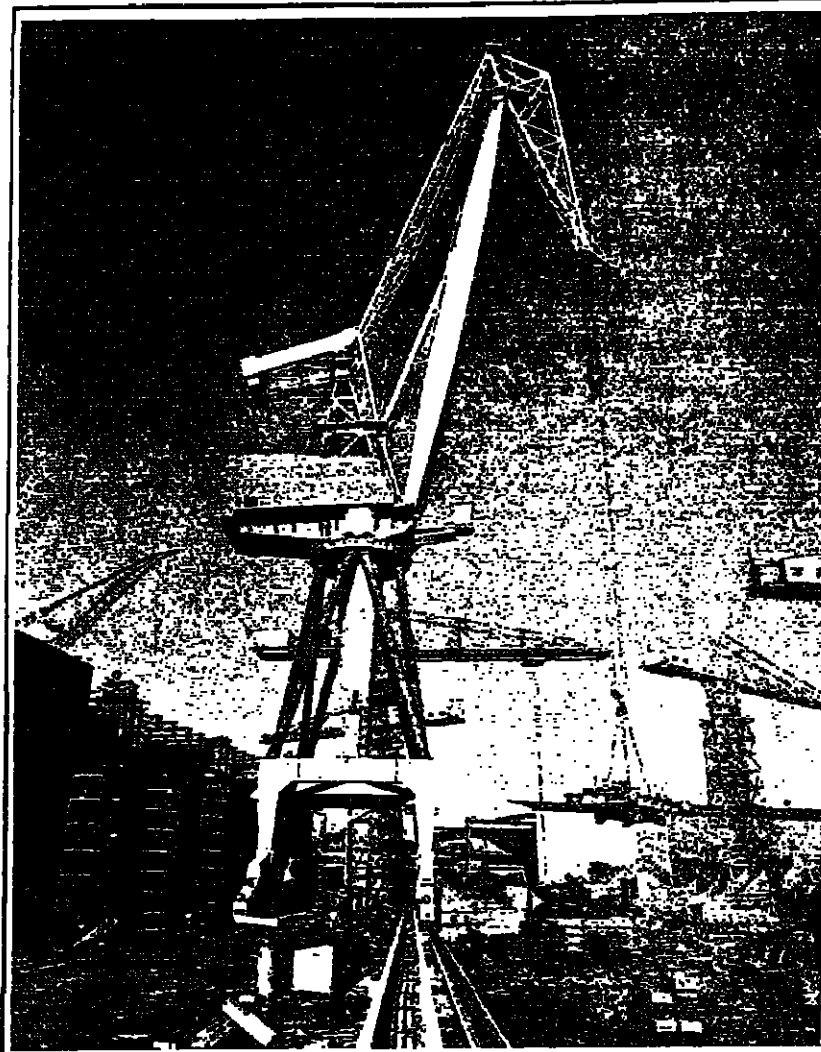
Mr. Hills said the SEC has settled enforcement suits brought against Northrop, Phillips, Gulf, Ahlsland Oil, 3M Corporation and American Ship Building Company.

ECONOMIC BRIEFS

● WIESBADEN, West Germany. - West Germany's cost of living index showed a rise of 5.4 per cent last month over December 1974, the same annual inflation rate as in November. The average rise over the whole of 1975 was six per cent, compared with seven per cent the previous year.

● BRUSSELS. - The nine nation European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) Wednesday floated a \$125 million loan, its biggest yet on the Eurodollar market. The issue was composed of \$65 million worth of five-year bonds carrying an interest rate of 8.75 per cent and \$60 million worth of bonds repayable in ten years at a rate of 9.25 per cent per annum.

● BERNE. - The employment situation in Switzerland is at its worst since World War Two and continues to deteriorate. Official figures released Wednesday gave the number of fully unemployed at the end of



LARGEST SHIPBUILDING CRANE. — This new level-luffing crane at the Wallsend, north-east England, shipbuilding yard of Swan Hunter, is 340 feet high and is believed to be the largest of its type supplied to a British shipbuilder. The full crane load of 180 tonnes can be lifted to a radius of 100 ft and the maximum operating radius — with lighter loads — is 225 ft.

Blowing goods down an ever longer pipeline

Transport of goods by pipeline is not a new idea, but it may start on a new lease of life in Britain in 1976.

At Milton Keynes, a 600-yard-long, two-foot-diameter pipeline is being built to show what a pneumatic system can do in full scale operation.

The main job of the experimental line will be to test a device called a 'flap gate booster' which is aimed at overcoming the big drawback to pneumatic long distance pipeline transport—the loss of air pressure.

If the booster works, it will be possible to build long pipelines that will be really a series of shorter sections, each blown individually. And goods, packed into wheeled capsules, will be able to run through with little drop in pipeline pressure.

Until now, most pneumatic pipelines have had one pump at the end to blow capsules the entire length of the line. This is the reason why such systems have been used only over short distances.

As long ago as 1861 a pneumatic system was in use in Battersea, London, carrying mail over a distance of about half a kilometre.

But it was another hundred years before the first stretch of a proposed city-wide postal service was built, in Hamburg, and even then its length was less than two kilometres.

But pipeline transport has a

number of advantages that make it an almost ideal system, especially in these days of heavy and polluting road transport.

Its capital cost is relatively high, but its running costs are low. Almost continuous running makes it possible to move enormous amounts of material. Pipelines are their own protection from theft, accident and the weather. They have no effect on the environment.

At Milton Keynes, in Buckinghamshire, the experimental pipeline is being laid as a closed loop, with one air pump, but incorporating a flap gate

booster, so that it will be able to simulate long distance working. It is expected to start up in the middle of 1976.

The pilot scheme is under the aegis of the Transport and Road Research Laboratory, but most of the development work, particularly on the booster, has been done by the British Hydraulics Research Association at Cranfield, Bedfordshire, where a laboratory pipeline has been in operation for some time.

Five industrial organisations are also supporting the project, including several national ones.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 14, (AFP). - The Netherlands' top nine enterprises have asked the coalition government headed by Social Democrat Premier Joop den Uyl to make drastic changes in its economic and social policies.

The government's present policies were threatening the competitiveness of Dutch industry on foreign markets, executives of the nine companies said in an "open letter" released Wednesday morning.

The company executives—representing such major groups as Royal Dutch Petroleum, Philips and the Amsterdam-Rotterdam (AMRO) Bank, the country's biggest—called for a substantial cut in taxes and social outlays in order to reduce the costs of enterprises.

They urged tripartite talks of government, employers and employees to be held as soon as possible in order to carry out a "genuine" overhaul of

Japanese clinch spot in Saudi development scheme

TOKYO, Jan. 14 - (AFP). - Japan will participate actively in the Saudi Arabian second five-year programme to manufacture reduced iron and build a petrochemical conglomerate, reports received in government sources said Wednesday.

Minister of International Trade and Industry Toshio Komoto reported here from Riyadh that the first session of the Japan-Saudi Arabia Joint Committee meeting in the capital on Monday had reached agreement on Japan's participation in the two great projects and training of technicians and establishment of telecommunications facilities.

The final agreement between Saudi Arabia and Japan on participation of the Nippon Steel Corporation, the world's largest steel-maker, in the reduced iron project and formation of a joint committee on the petrochemical conglomerate were expected to be reached at Wednesday's meeting of the Joint Committee, Mr. Komoto added.

The main issue before the committee had been Japan's part in the first five-year programme calling for investments

totaling \$144 billion (1975-80). Reduced iron, petrochemical plants, oil refinery and copper mine development are the four main items on which there is agreement between Japan and Saudi Arabia.

But from its feasibility studies, the Japanese side has judged that the oil refinery and copper mine development projects are difficult to realise.

As a result, the committee Wednesday was likely to decide that for the time being efforts should be concentrated on the reduced iron and petrochemical projects.

Saudi Arabia's Petromin (state-owned petroleum corporation), U.S. Utah International and Nippon Steel Corporation are jointly to undertake the reduced iron project. A total of \$700 million is to be invested in the project with the joint company capitalised at \$20 million. Nippon Steel Corporation's investment share is to be six per cent. The plan is to produce 1,500,000 tons a year.

The petrochemical conglomerate is to be built in the Al Jubail area and in the first phase 300,000 tons of ethylene is to be produced and in the second 450,000 tons.

The total investment amount is to be \$5.4 billion. Petromin and the Japanese side putting up equal shares. Mitsubishi Petrochemical and the Mitsubishi Corporation will mainly undertake the project on the Japanese side.

Hong Kong sees expansion era ahead

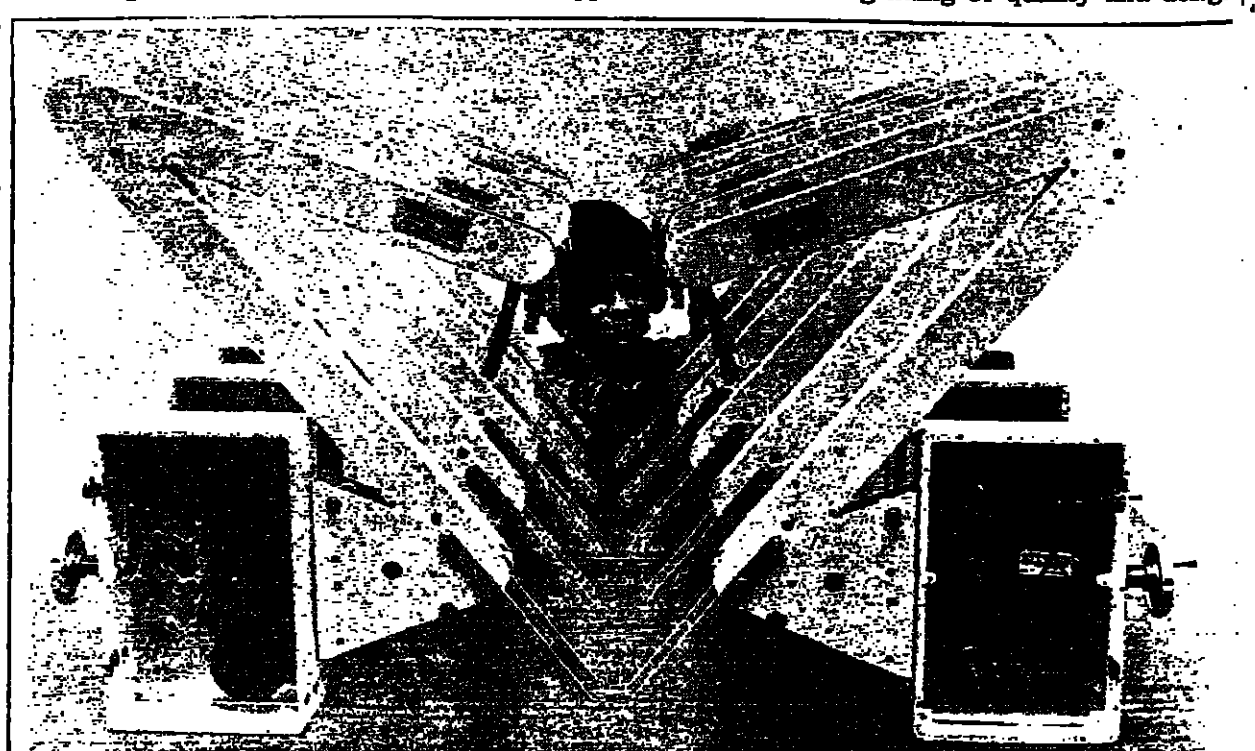
HONGKONG, Jan. 14, (AFP). - Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, said Wednesday that Hong Kong could not look forward to a period of expanding exports and solid growth provided "we hold our competitive edge and our ability to attract customers."

Referring to the economic difficulty experienced last year the Governor said: "We are still some way short of complete recovery and we may be looking for a return of better conditions but obviously the worst of the recession is behind us."

Sir Murray expressed hope that Hong Kong's next period of growth would see a faster diversification of the industries on which Hong Kong depended.

The government, he added, would play its part in this regard to land policy, provision of industrial estates, promotion of foreign investment and the rapid expansion of technical education.

The governor said it was clear that production of consumer goods would remain Hong Kong's chief source of income for the foreseeable future and that the prosperity of this industry would depend to a large extent on a continual upgrading of quality and design.



BODY SCANNERS. — Scanning arms for an ultrasound medical diagnostic system are checked at the Picker Corporation plant in Northford, Connecticut. The units emit sound waves and record echoes to provide cross-sectional "pictures" of the human body for study by physicians.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed firm Thursday in light trading and at 15:00 hrs the F.T. Index was up 5.0 at 403.7.

Wednesday's news that the Chancellor of the Exchequer intends pursuing a tight wages policy to beat inflation and the release of some 325 mln stg of special deposits helped sentiment, dealers said. Profit taking, however, clipped some gains among equities.

The proposal to tax Alaskan oil and gas caused a fresh fall of about 13p in BP. Other oils were mixed.

Gold shares were ending firmer on balance helped by the rally in the bullion price. Australians eased and dollar stocks firmed.

Net gains of 3p to 6p were seen among ICI, Thorn, Fisons, Marks and Spencer, Hawker Siddeley, EMI and Beecham. Bats was 2p easier on balance.

Banks added between a penny and 3p. Insurances and properties recorded moderate gains.

In minings, De Beers rose about 10p reportedly on local demand but the rise was exaggerated owing to stock shortage, dealers said.

Ocean Transport and Trading finished a penny up.

Dramatic breakthrough for local farmers

Zinc deficiency in Jordanian sheep discovered to cause growth-retardation

By Susan Greenfield

Through laboratory reports received from Australia, it appears that many sheep in Jordan are suffering from a deficiency of the trace element zinc in their diet.

Mr Ross Young, FAO livestock economist, told the Jordanian government that it is too early to assess the full implications of the breakthrough and considerable follow-up investigation is required to determine the effects on farm incomes and livestock production in Jordan, and perhaps the whole of the Middle East region.

Zinc deficiency in many cases is difficult to detect because of the sensitive nature of the testing techniques and it is only recently that researchers have realised that the problem is more widespread than previously believed.

Present indications are that the deficiency causes a growth-retarding stress disease, delaying when animals come under pressure through drought or feed shortages, or late in lambing.

Mr Young spoke of the dramatic effect this discovery could have in the livestock fattening industry, and the benefits to Jordanian farmers. Feed conversion rates could be substantially increased, making it profitable to feed-lot fatten local sheep even at the prevailing high prices for feedstuffs.

Mr Young has been in Jordan for the past seven months working on the production problem which the Jordanian government is facing.

livestock owners, with a view to assisting the government to formulate an overall livestock development plan, particularly in line with the Five Year Development Plan for Jordan's future.

He has some rather innovative and provocative ideas for the future development of the livestock industry, which are bound to create some controversy when his final report is released.

Mr Young declined to reveal all the details, as some practical points still have to be finalised, but he sees tremendous scope for increased production and profits through this discovery. In his view, the livestock industry is at a crossroads and facing a real crisis because of the sharp increase in the world prices of feed grains and other production costs which the farmer is unable to control.

The answer lies in better utilisation of locally produced foodstuffs, more productive animals and improved marketing arrangements in some situations.

Some of the developments proposed by Mr Young for the livestock industry are:

1. The introduction of new breeds of sheep crossed with our local Awassi ewes to produce 150-200 per cent lambing instead of the present 95 per cent lambing performance.

2. Re-introduction of the local legumes that have been the very backbone of successful development in the rainfed areas of Western Australia.

3. Large scale utilisation of

wheat and barley crop residues, by chemical processes that any farmer could do on his own farm.

4. Very large numbers of small Frisian dairy cattle owners in the Jordan Valley with 1-3 cow units, feeding their cows mainly on vegetable residues and forage crops grown in the valley during the summer months.

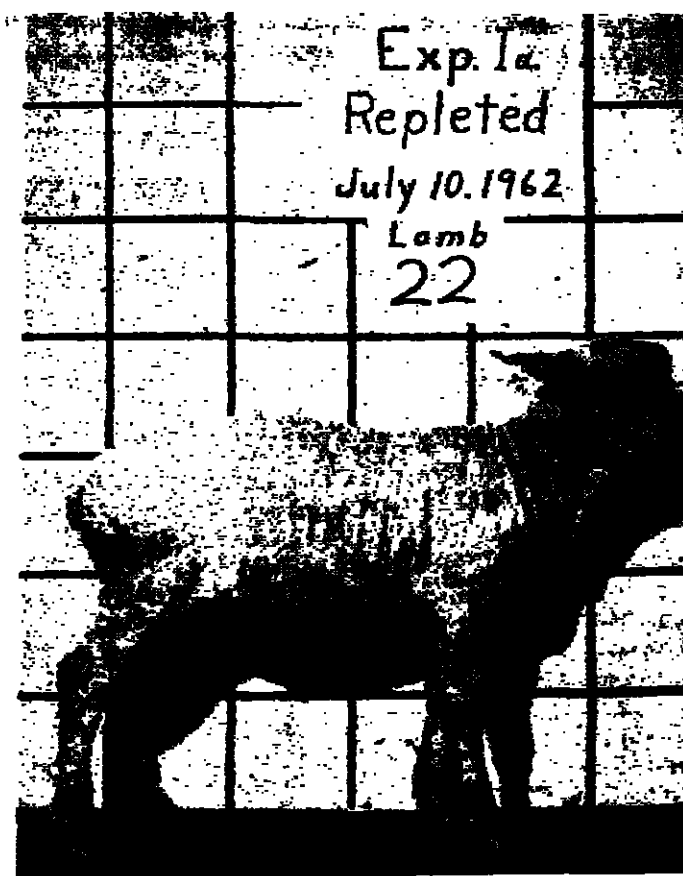
5. Routine procedure of all farmers adding small quantities of necessary trace elements in their supplementary feed.

Mr Young predicts that most of this development must be carried out through the private sector and that farmers must press the government to help overcome the problems that will undoubtedly arise during the development period.

Mr Young has large pastoral interests of his own in Western Australia and helped pioneer many of the innovative techniques now part of standard management practice in the area.

He predicts that the next cost price thrust facing Jordanian farmers is labour costs. Farmers must be conscious of developing labour-saving practices and minimise the need to use expensive machinery as part of their management programme.

Mr Young is engaged in final meetings and writing up his report that recommendations, incorporating details of zinc deficiency and how its detection can be a breakthrough for Jordanian agriculture.



BEFORE-AND-AFTER — Two photos show the same sheep as it looked when it was living on a zinc-deficient diet and after it had been put on a zinc-enriched diet for five weeks.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

● NEW YORK. — American serial rights of a book by Judith Campbell Exner about her alleged intimate relationships with the late President Kennedy and a leading member of the underworld were sold Wednesday for \$150,000. The rights were bought by the mass-circulation weekly, the National Enquirer. Mr. Meredith estimated the book will be worth \$2 million. Mrs. Exner, 42, was said to have been an intimate friend of Mr. Kennedy and Sam "Momo" Giancana, a Chicago Mafia leader who was murdered last year. She was introduced to both men by Frank Sinatra.

● NEW DELHI. — Police used tear gas Wednesday to break up violent clashes in the outskirts of Ahmadabad, capital of the north-west Indian state of Gujarat, between youths who began fighting over the results of a kite-flying contest. The people were injured in the sale less than a year ago, shoots two darts attached to a battery

town of Baroda and a 24-hour curfew was imposed in Nadiad. WASHINGTON. — Criminals in the United States are beginning to use a new arm — a gun which shoots electric darts, paralysing the victim with a shock of ten volts.

The inventor of the electric dart gun, John Cover, said he had sold 3,000 of the \$200 guns had been sold so far and he had learned that the gun had been used at least ten times in criminals attacks.

The weapon, which has been barred in Canada and in several U.S. cities, since it went on by a copper wire. The victim is said to survive uninjured, after brief paralysis.

● BOUILLON, Belgium. — Several new cases of rabies in the region of Bouillon, in the Belgian Ardennes close to the French frontier, were confirmed Wednesday by the Pasteur Institute. A fox, carrying the disease, was destroyed along with four sheep that it had bit-

Tonight's TV Features

SANDY DUNCAN

The Writer.

Sandy Duncan, whose first season on television in "Funny Face" won her an Emmy nomination, stars in this comedy series which continues "Funny Face" with a supporting cast of friends and neighbours. Tom Bosley as Sandy's agent Bert Quinn. Kay Fox is Marian Mercer, Sandy's apartment house neighbour.

MYSTERY MOVIE

McMillan and Wife: For a Brides Requiem. Commissioner McMillan (Rock Hudson) and his wife, Sally (Susan St. James) in a new episode of the Mystery-movie series.

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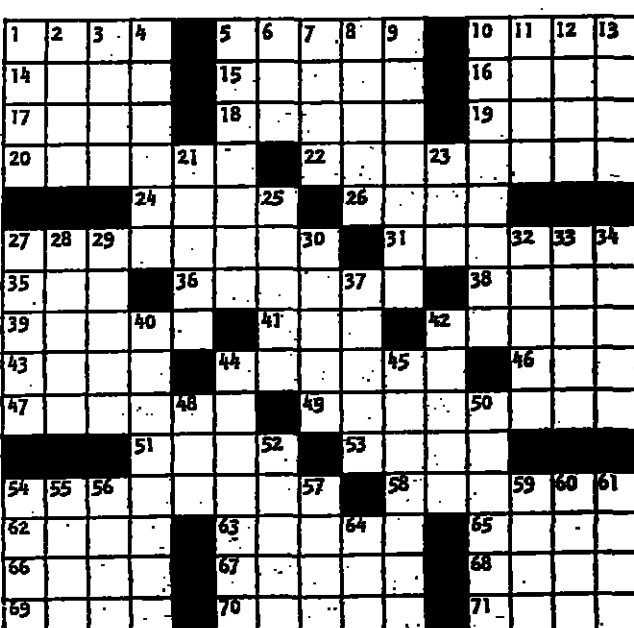
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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 20). The full Moon may stir up conflict between family responsibilities and career objectives. This is a time for progress, even at the cost of some inconvenience.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21). The full Moon calls for a re-assessment of a topic or problem that has been on your mind recently. Resolve it on the basis of latest information. Contact kin.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21). The full Moon could aggravate a budgetary or tax problem. There is a tendency to overspend or waste material resources. Handle other people's finances carefully.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23). The full Moon may cause some exaggeration today. Don't move ahead without first ascertaining the facts. Confidence and peace will come from good planning.

LEO (July 24 - August 23). The full Moon accents a condition that is limiting or cramps your style. Be especially careful of your health and that of associates. Step up inspection now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23). The full Moon has a romantic connotation, should you be interested. You could win an introduction to someone compatible. Review business finances, collections.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23). The full Moon focuses your

attention on your career or business activities. You may become conscious of certain drawbacks or standards that have to be raised.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 23). The full Moon may bring premature approval or acceptance of an idea or theory. Predictions of the future are intriguing, but they are not necessarily reliable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21). The full Moon suggests you keep in touch with someone who might aid you beneficially. Conservation, salvage, environmental programmes seem to be deserve your support.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20). The full Moon affects public and partnership affairs and may make a new alignment or change of local feasible. Try to sense what others are up to — how they feel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19). The full Moon may bring up a feeling of restriction or limitation. It, however, clarifies some issues or problems so that you can deal with them later on.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20). The full Moon may give you some questions regarding faith, romance and fidelity. Education of children is a goal for some of you; check up on their progress.

Prayer Times

Fajr	5.9
Sunrise	6.42
Dhuhr	11.48
Asr	2.32
Maghrib	4.54
Isha	6.13

Radio

[ON 888 KHZ]

- 7.00 Breakfast show
- 7.30 News Bulletin
- 7.45 News Reports
- 8.00 Pop International
- 8.30 LLister's Choice
- 10.00 Sign Off
- 12.00 Pop session part I
- 13.00 News Summary
- 13.05 Pop session part II
- 14.00 News Bulletin
- 14.10 Break for Music
- 14.30 Songs
- 15.00 Classical Music
- 15.30 Light instrumentals
- 16.00 Old Favourites
- 16.30 Easy Listening
- 17.00 Opera in Germany
- 17.30 Book Review
- 18.00 News Summary
- 18.05 News Reports Round Up
- 18.30 Good Vibrations
- 19.00 News Bulletin
- 19.10 Songs
- 19.30 Sign off
- 19.30 Close down.

Television

CHANNEL 3 & 6:

- 10.00 Quran
- 10.25 Cartoons
- 10.50 Children's Programme
- 11.15 Three Stooges
- 11.30 Religious Programme
- 11.50 Big Valley
- 12.40 Musical Play
- 12.00 Programme Review
- 18.05 Cartoons
- 18.20 Star Soccer
- 20.00 News in Arabic
- 20.30 Arabic Series
- 21.30 Reportage
- CHANNEL 6:
- 19.30 News in Hebrew
- 19.45 Varieties
- 20.30 Sandy Duncan
- 21.00 Living Tomorrow
- 21.15 Family at War
- 22.00 News in English
- 22.15 Mystery Movie

Market Prices

Tomatoes 80-120

Eggplant (large) 6-75

Marrow (large) 70-100

Marrow (small) 150-220

Hot Pepper 140-180

Bell Pepper 60-80

String Beans 140-180

Horse Beans 220-270

Spinach 35-80

Potatoes 100-130

Onions 120-150

Chestnuts 270-300

Cucumbers (small) 290-340

Cucumbers (large) 150-200

Cauliflower 45-60

Cabbage 40-55

Apples (Golden) 120-150

Apples (Starline) 130-170

Apples (Double red) 190-220

Lemon 60-90

Oranges 40-70

Oranges (French) 40-80

Oranges (Navel) 80-120

Grapefruit 35-50

Bananas: 140-170

Carrots (yellow): 60-75

Carrots (black) 60-75

Mandarin 90-120

Beets 70-90

Onions: 120-140

Amm. Airport

DEPARTURES:

6.50 Agaba

8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)

10.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)

11.30 Cairo (E.A.)

19.00 Kuwait, Dhabran

19.30 Dubai, Karachi

20.30 Teheran

22.55 Doha, Muscat

ARRIVALS:

8.30 Agaba

9.30 Kuwait (K.A.C.)

10.30 Cairo (E.A.)

16.30 Paris

17.20 Copenhagen, Frankfurt

18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)

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Dr. F. Qubani (44182)

PHARMACIES:

Jebel Amman (23319)

Isa'at (30210)

Madina (23319)

TAXIS:

Rainbow (37249)

Abn (21127)

Ahram (36903)

Asfour (23230)

Tonight's Emergencies

Madrid govt. cautious in response to latest strikers

MADRID, Jan. 15 - (R). - Partial strikes hit Spain's telephone services, Thursday, raising the possibility of further tough government measures to curb growing labour unrest.

The cabinet was called to an emergency session to discuss the situation and Prime Minister Carlos Arias Navarro conferred with King Juan Carlos about the situation. Spain conscripted striking postmen into the army Wednesday, forcing them to resume work or face a

Portugal agrees on military officer as president

LISBON, Jan. 15, (AFP). - The three political parties of the government coalition are implicitly agreed that Portugal's first elected president should be a military officer, at least for the three-to-five-year transition period, left-wing Portuguese circles said here Thursday.

Names of possible candidates are already circulating behind the scenes in the constituent assembly. Party leaders meanwhile are studying counter-proposals put forward by the military on Portugal's future institutional structures.

The text, attributed to Major Melo Antunes, representing the most left-wing tendency in the Council of the Revolution, flatly rejects "the return of the officers to the barracks" that a number of parties advocate. Left-wing officers apparently thus intend to block an upward movement of the civilian and military right-wing that is already making an appearance.

Mrs. Peron shuffles her cabinet

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 15, (R). - President Maria Estela Peron Thursday reshuffled her eight-man cabinet, dropping four ministers and assigning at least two portfolios to new men, the presidential press office announced.

The announcement came in the wake of recent speculation that the Argentine President would undertake a major cabinet reshuffle in an attempt to strengthen her position.

Earlier Thursday the presidential press office said Senora Peron had demanded the resignation of all her ministers as part of a reshuffle.

It later announced that Interior Minister Senor Angel Robledo, the most influential minister in her cabinet, had been replaced by Senor Roberto Ares, Chairman of the Banco de La Nacion (Bank of the Nation).

In another change, Senor Jose Deheza was appointed to replace Justice Minister Ernesto Corbalan Nanciaras.

Senora Peron also dropped Foreign Minister Manuel Arauz Castex, who was expected to be replaced by Economy Minister Antonio Cafiero.

Fighting in Lebanon

(Continued from page one) which the president is making before he goes to Damascus, probably on Saturday, for talks with Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad, whose country has taken the leading role in trying to mediate a solution to the crisis.

Later, after a similar meeting with the President, a delegation of Greek Orthodox leaders issued a statement urging implementation of the agreements regulating the Palestinian presence in Lebanon.

But, unlike the Greek Catholics and the Maronites, the major Christian sect whose militia form the right-wing forces in the civil war, the Greek Orthodox leaders did not place the blame of the present crisis on the Palestinians alone.

The Greek Orthodox generally take a more moderate line.

court martial. Riot police surrounded the central telephone offices and the possibility of further tough government measures to curb pay strikes.

Government concern grew after Spain's two main opposition movements — the communist-dominated Democratic Junta and the socialist-led Democratic Platform — joined the campaign for higher wages and full democratic rights.

Government sources said King Juan Carlos was reluctant to use the strike-breaking tactic of military conscription against the telephone and bank workers because the two sectors, unlike the posts, were not completely state-owned.

Tun Razak's body flown to Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 15, (AFP). - Thousands of sobbing Malaysians watched with disbelief as the body of the late Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak was flown in here from London Thursday evening.

It was a tragic twist to the hero's welcome they had planned for Tun Razak who was expected here this week "rested and refreshed" from his month-long trip to Europe for treatment.

Instead, it was the flag-draped body of Tun Razak, who died in London Wednesday that many got a brief glimpse of at the packed Subang International Airport.

As the chartered Malaysian airline System (MAS) Boeing 707 touched down at the airport some 10,000 mourners who had packed the airport began weeping openly.



GRIEF-STRIKEN. — Acting Malaysian Prime Minister Hussein Onn walks out of the Kuala Lumpur radio station Wednesday after he announced to the Malaysian people the death of his brother-in-law and Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak. (AP wirephoto).

Israel boycotts

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Union might not want to get involved in what was seen here as a "sterile" situation, with the result that PLO participation in substantive talks would be headed off by the big powers.

Officials also would be encouraged by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's recent reported statement that the Geneva Conference could possibly be reconvened without without the PLO being invited, providing the question of its participation was then taken up.

Israel, which is boycotting the current Security Council debate because of the PLO's presence, has said only the original Arab participants should take part in a Geneva Conference. But it says it has no objection to Palestinians being included in a joint delegation.

Pakistan urges

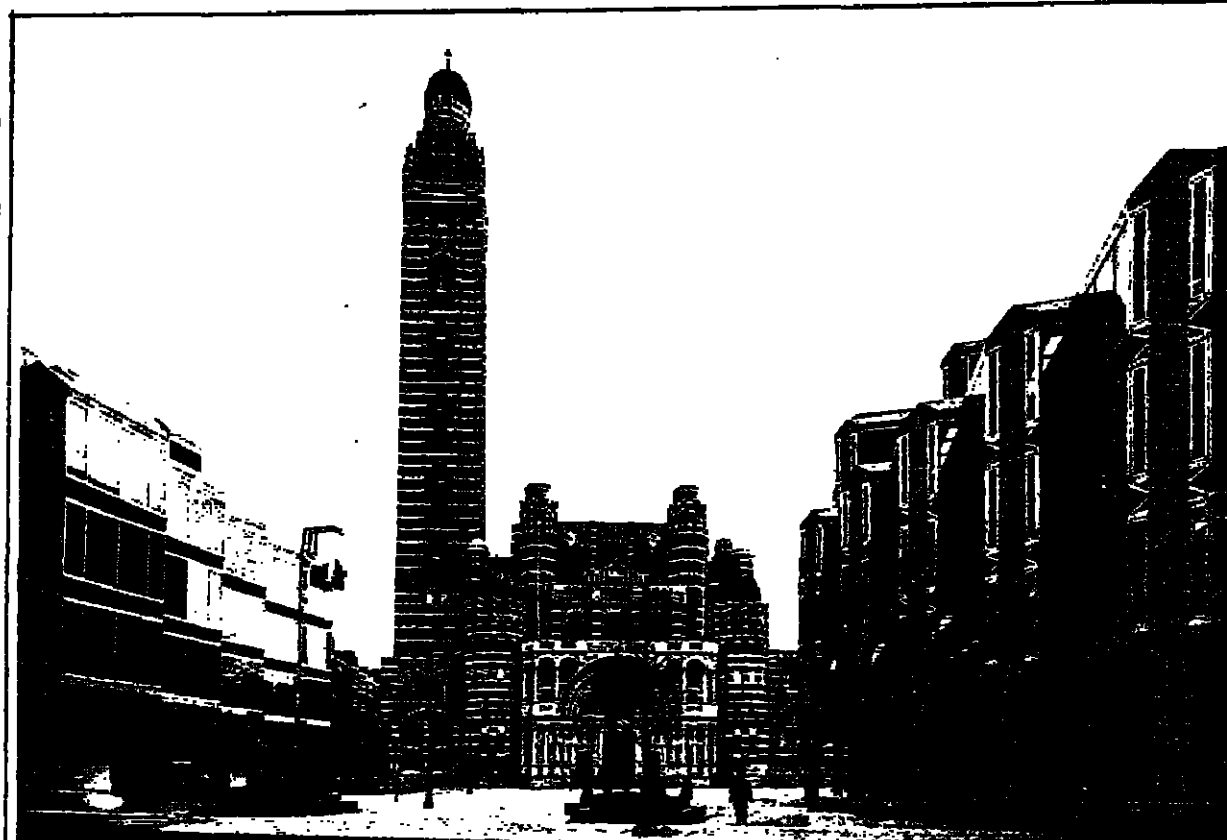
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from the Council debate, in protest against the presence of the Palestine Liberation organization (PLO), had made any difference since Israel was in any case, "very much the under dog."

But it did emphasise Israel's unwillingness to allow the council to replace Geneva as the forum for seeking a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

The Israeli Envoy said the "current attempts" to depict the Palestinian Arab problem as the central issue in the Middle East conflict were designed only to mislead and to ignore the fundamental issue.

"Palestine, Palestinians and territorial issues are important. But they are not the essence of the problem—the Arab refusal to recognise the right of the Jewish nation to self-determination and national sovereignty," he declared.



A NEW OUTLOOK. — A new view of London's Westminster Cathedral... Since it was opened in 1903 the building has been hidden behind shops and offices. These have been pulled down and the site redeveloped by Westminster City Council as a contribution to European Architectural Heritage Year. The main frontage now opens out onto a paved pedestrian piazza forming part of a recently completed shopping and office complex.

Swiss step up security in move to stop "Carlos"

BERNE, Jan. 14, (AFP). - Security surveillance has been stepped up in Switzerland because of reports that "Carlos," the internationally-sought guerrilla will act here next, official sources said Wednesday.

"Carlos," believed to be Venezuelan Ilyich Ramirez Sanchez, is wanted in France in connection with the murder of two security police agents and in Vienna, where he allegedly headed a commando group which held oil ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) hostage.

Official sources said the Swiss federal authorities had good reason to believe that Carlos planned to carry out his next operation in Switzerland.

Some of the hostages seized at OPEC headquarters on December 21 reportedly warned of "grave events" in Switzerland in coming weeks.

A large number of international institutions and diplomatic missions have headquarters in Switzerland, which also welcomes many international conferences during the year.

To avert any incidents, police and border guards have been placed on alert, pictures of Carlos have been circulated and hotels and restaurants have been asked to notify authorities of any suspicious guests.

Efforts underway to grant pardon to Capucci

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15 - (R). - A Foreign Ministry spokesman Thursday said Israel had not received a request from U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim or U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for the release of Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilariou Capucci.

The spokesman was commenting on a report in the bulletin of the Greek Catholic Church in Israel that Pope Paul appealed to Mr. Waldheim and Dr. Kissinger to intervene with the Israeli government for the Archbishop's release.

Archbishop Capucci was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment in December 1974 for gun-running for Arab guerrillas.

A spokesman for President Ephraim Katzir said, however, that two requests to pardon the Archbishop are being considered. One of them is from the Greek Catholic Bishop of Galilee, Maximus Salum, and the other is from Arab mayors of towns in the occupied West Bank.

Kissinger submits

(Continued from page one) Less than a week before the trip to Moscow of Mr. Kissinger, Ogoniok commentator Sergei Lossiev wrote:

"The (U.S.) military-industrial complex is making its harmful influence felt on official Washington circles, which are pre-occupied by considerations linked to the preparation of the election."

The magazine, which is mainly for teenage readers, criticised the United States for "trying to place its Cruise missiles outside the limits on strategic weapons."

The SALT-2 agreement, the magazine said, would contain for the first time qualitative as well as quantitative limits on weapons.

U.N. envoy, Indonesians meet about E. Timor

JAKARTA, Jan. 15, (AFP). - United Nations Special Envoy Vittorio Winspeare Guicciardi arrived here Thursday for talks on Portuguese Timor with Indonesian Government officials prior to his scheduled visit to the territory on an assessment tour ordered by the Security Council.

He told newsmen that he has been instructed to contact all parties concerned in Timor (apparently including Fretilin Forces now holding out in mountainous areas).

Asked to comment on statements by the pro-Indonesian Provisional Government of East Timor to the effect that his visit would not change their decision to merge the territory with Indonesia, Mr. Guicciardi said "I am not here to dictate or to impress any government, only to assess the situation."

Mr. Guicciardi said he had

received very encouraging promises of assistance from the Indonesian government for his sit to East Timor.

He is scheduled to meet Indonesian Foreign Minister Am Malik and to call on President Suharto Friday.

Tentative plans call for departure by charter flight Kupang, Indonesian Timor Monday, with a staff of including U.N. Official Jensen and one interpreter no newsmen. From Kupang will change to a smaller plane for Dilli, capital of East Timor.

Khaddafi blames Britain, Egypt for Libyan student demonstrations

TRIPOLI, Jan. 14, (AFP). - Libyan Head of State Col. ammar Khaddafi Thursday blamed British and Egyptian intelligence services for the of occupations of Libyan bassets abroad by Libyan dents.

IRA vows to continue fight to unify Ireland

DUBLIN, Jan. 15 - (AFP). - The Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) will continue to fight for the reunification of Ireland, the outlawed guerrilla army said in a statement released here Thursday.

It was the IRA's first statement since Britain announced Monday the reconvening of the Northern Ireland Constitutional Convention which Britain hopes may find a formula of government for the troubled British province.

In a reference to the dispatching of British Special Air Service (SAS) to the particularly violent South Armagh area of Northern Ireland, the statement went on: "neither Mr. Wilson (the British Premier) nor his SAS super-terrorists will defeat our struggle... we fight on."

In Rome, about 100 Libyans occupied the Italian Embassy briefly Thursday, protesting "the death of seven students during a recent demonstration at Libya's Benghazi University."

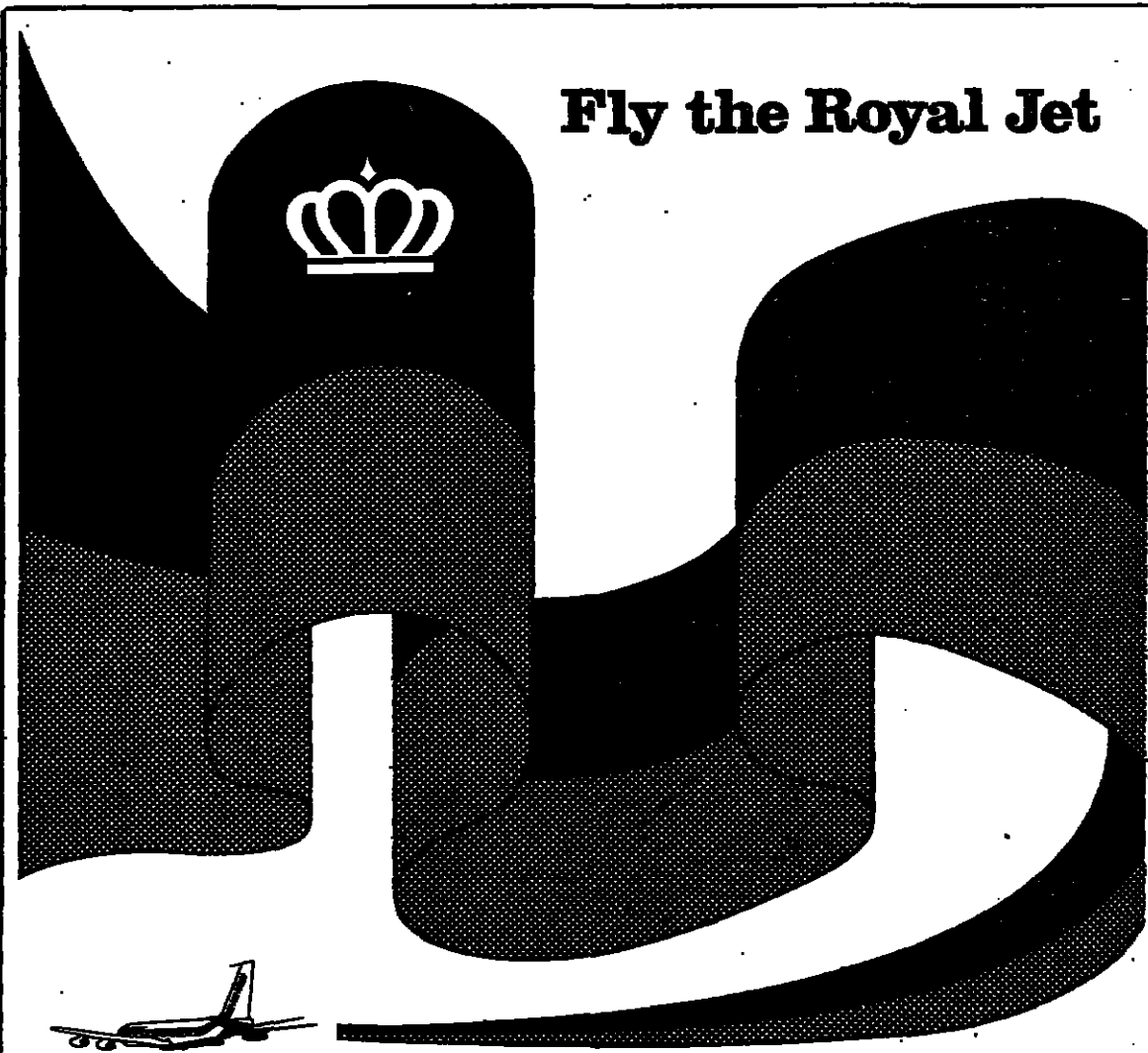
The Italian occupation brief and non-violent as been similar occupations Libyan Embassies in London and Washington in past three days.

Col. Khaddafi addressing General Peoples Congress Tripoli, said the student tests had "nothing to do Benghazi University."

He denounced the "misconduct of some Libyan students."

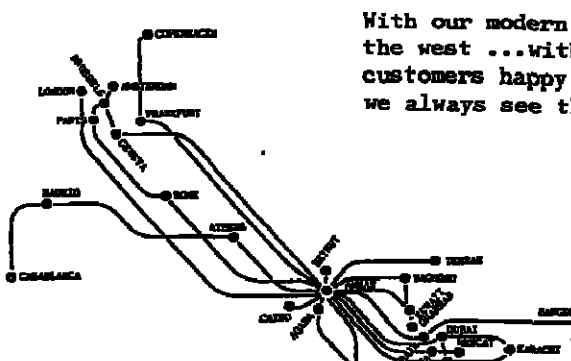
Libya has strongly denounced foreign press reports that Libyan student was killed Benghazi last week, and challenged "anyone to provide evidence in support of untrue allegations."

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